

# The President's Report

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## A Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

Over the past few weeks, you have been seeing news coverage about allegations involving our men's basketball program. We are taking these allegations seriously and are committed to finding the truth.

When we were made aware of these allegations we immediately hired an independent investigator to work with the NCAA to determine what is true. This investigation continues and we have no information on how long it may take.

While the review of the men's basketball program likely will remain in the news in the coming months, we will not be distracted from doing the work that we do day in and day out at the University of Louisville. We continue to provide our students with the best education, conduct groundbreaking research and make positive contributions to our community. We must continue to push this university forward.

We're committed at UofL to attracting the best and brightest students and we can again report to you that this year's freshman class is the best academically prepared in our history. The more than 2,800 students in this class have an average ACT score of 25.5, and 55 percent already have earned some college credit. Those impressive numbers have been steadily rising each and every year.

But the competition for these great students is strong. Getting them to come to UofL means we must have the best faculty, class offerings and facilities.

We announced a significant improvement for one of our most used facilities in early October. The Swain Student Activities Center soon will receive a \$40 million renovation that will include an overhaul of the bookstore and updated lobbies, lounges and restaurants.

The project will enlarge and modernize the 25-year-old SAC. We'll begin work in the spring and complete the project by January 2018.

The renovation will enable us to continue recruiting the very best students from across the state. Because academic success and student engagement are so closely linked, we need to do everything we can to provide the best facilities for our students. That's what they deserve.

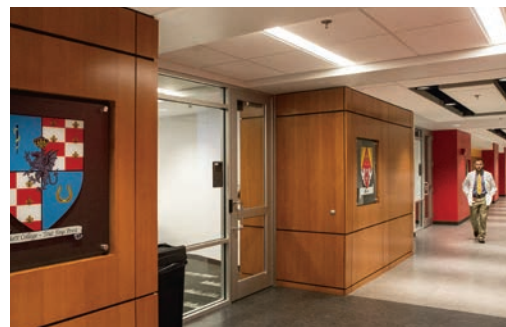
James R. Ramsey, President, University of Louisville

## School of Medicine elevated from probationary status

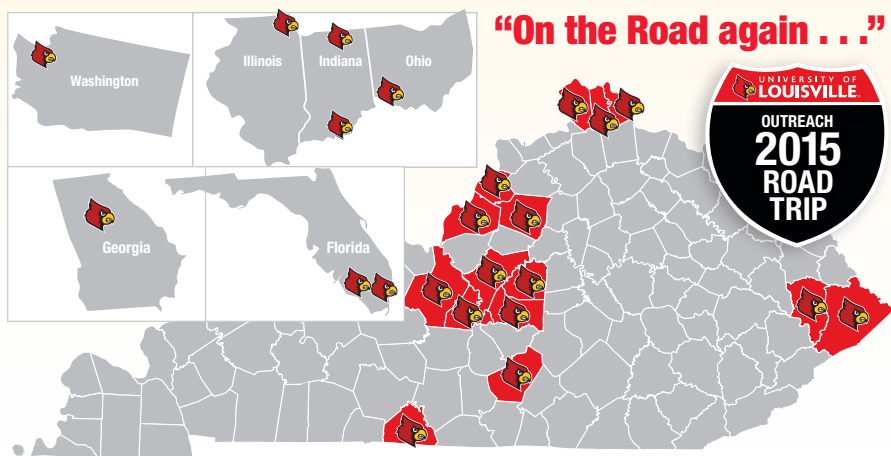
The UofL School of Medicine's two-year process to revamp curriculum and upgrade instructional space brought the program into full compliance with educational standards set by its accrediting body and elevated it from probationary status.

The Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) notified UofL in mid-October that the school was no longer on probation. The school remained fully accredited during probation while addressing LCME's concerns.

"During the past two years, we have worked diligently to address the concerns raised by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME)," said Toni Ganzel, MD, MBA, dean of the UofL School of Medicine. "We reformed our preclinical curriculum from a discipline-based model to an integrated model with more active learning and engaged pedagogies. We completed a major renovation of our instructional building, implemented new educational technologies and strengthened our educational governance and organizational structure. We continue our efforts to assure that we consistently meet or exceed expectations for compliance with LCME standards."



The renovated School of Medicine instructional building.



UofL President James Ramsey is on the road for his annual outreach visits with high school students across the state and beyond. With visits in Lebanon, Union, Pikeville and more, Ramsey is crisscrossing the state to share details on UofL's academic opportunities and thriving campus life, and encourage students to visit campus.

During the tour, which runs through November, Ramsey expects to visit with more than 3,100 students and their families. In addition to the stops in Kentucky, the Presidential Outreach Tour will travel to southern Indiana, Ohio and Illinois.



President Ramsey speaks to students during the 2015 Presidential Outreach Tour.



Artist's rendering of the SAC renovation

## SAC to undergo \$40 million upgrade

The headquarters for student life at UofL will receive a dramatic makeover after the UofL Board of Trustees approved in October a \$40 million renovation for the Swain Student Activities Center.

"Renovation of the Student Activities Center is a priority of the university as we continue to recruit the very best students from across the state," said UofL President James Ramsey. "Academic success and student engagement are so closely intertwined that we are doing everything we can to provide the very best facilities for our scholars."

The makeover will add 32,775 square feet to the building and includes a new bookstore, and updated restaurants, lounges and lobby space. Plans also call for upgrades to electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems, plus the removal of interior escalators and an exterior ramp.

Private sources, facility funds and a \$9.6 million agency bond funded by the current student activities fee will pay for the renovation. Work is expected to begin in the spring and be completed by January 2018.

## Alumni Association honors

The 2015 class of UofL Alumni Fellows includes a former president for a leading risk management firm, a founder of Orchestra Kentucky and an NFL quarterback.

The UofL Alumni Association recognized 12 distinguished alumni as fellows at the 32nd annual awards presentation Oct. 22. The honorees are graduates who have distinguished themselves in their chosen fields and are exemplary ambassadors for the university and their college or school.

The association named J.D. Nichols 2015 Alumnus of the Year, and gave the Wilson Wyatt Award to the late Jim King.

### College of Arts and Sciences

Joseph McSweeney, president of the McSweeney Family Foundation and former president of Global Sales of Marsh LLC insurance broker and risk management firm

### College of Business

W. Kent Oyler, president and CEO of Greater Louisville, Inc.

### School of Dentistry

James and Virginia Wilson, owners of Virginia K. Wilson, D.D.S. and James R. Wilson, DMD practice in Jacksonville, N.C.

### College of Education and Human Development

Theodore A. Bridgewater, NFL quarterback for the Minnesota Vikings

### J.B. Speed School of Engineering

Paul D. Carrico, former president and CEO of Axiall Corporation

### Louis D. Brandeis School of Law

Demetrius O. Holloway, defense attorney with Stites and Harbison

### School of Medicine

James E. George, strategic advisor to the president of TeamHealth

### School of Music

Jeffrey A. Reed, music director and co-founder of Orchestra Kentucky

### School of Nursing

Melissa D. Pinto, assistant professor at Emory University Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing

### School of Public Health and Information Sciences

Therese S. Hughes, epidemiologist with Baptist Health System

### Raymond A. Kent School of Social Work

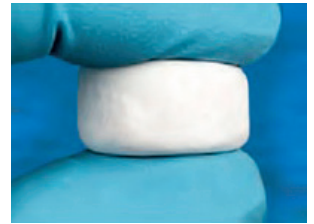
Betty J. Tatrow, owner of B.J. Tatrow Consulting

## UofL researchers awarded patents for medical innovations

Technologies to improve bone grafts and improve recovery from spinal cord injury are among the patents recently issued to the University of Louisville Research Foundation.

- The FDA patented and cleared a substitute bone graft material called Trabex EB for use by orthopaedic surgeons in patient care. Created by UofL

researchers, the material is a bone replacement cement that provides both strength and resorbability in repairing bones damaged through injury, tumor or other defects. It is licensed and marketed by Vivorte.



A researcher holds a sample of Trabex EB bone graft cement.

- Additionally, UofL researchers developed a method that uses stem cells from a patient's nasal passages to regenerate the spinal cord to repair an injury. The stem cells, called RhinoCytes, also can be used in the treatment of Parkinson's Disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), multiple sclerosis and type 1 diabetes. The method of generating the RhinoCytes has been licensed from UofL by RhinoCyte, Inc.

Other patents are in the works for cancer immunotherapies, protection of lung tissue during radiation treatment, and reversal of neurological damage. UofL's Office of Technology Transfer and Industry Engagement works with UofL researchers to submit patent applications and negotiates commercialization opportunities for patented technologies.

UofL is the only university with three of the most prestigious innovation-associated commercialization grants: the Coulter Translational Research Partnership, the National Science Foundation's I-Corps and the National Institutes of Health Research Evaluation and Commercialization Hub (REACH).

